

New Hampshire Racing & Charitable Gaming Commission
Commission Meeting
Concord Office
April 27, 2010
10-06

Present: Timothy J. Connors, Chairman
Warren W. Leary Jr., Secretary
Michael J. Gatsas, Member
Lynn M. Presby, Member
Bernard A. Streeter, Member
Anthony B. Urban, Member
Sudhir K. Naik, Deputy Director
Steve Johnston, Supervisor Gaming Operations
William Dewhurst, Senior Auditor
Linda Glaser, Auditor
Shawn Graham, Auditor
Charles Saia, Legal Coordinator
Linda Darrow, Administrative Secretary

In Attendance: Rick Newman, Jan DiMarzio, Karen Keelan, Becky Mignogna and others

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Deputy Director Naik stated Director Kelley was attending a hearing on SB367 being held in an Executive Session of the House Local and Regulated Revenues and could not attend the Commission meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Streeter and unanimously voted to approve and place on file the Commission minutes dated April 7, 2010.

The Racing & Charitable Gaming statistics for the fiscal period ending April 18, 2010 were reviewed. Statistics continue to trend downward. On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Streeter and unanimously voted to accept and place on file.

The Games of Chance warning letters spreadsheets were reviewed. Deputy Director Naik stated that all responses had been received on time.

The Games of Chance State Revenue spreadsheets were reviewed. On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Streeter and unanimously voted to accept and place on file.

Legal Coordinator Saia provided a legislative update. Director Kelley had a meeting with Representative Walz to discuss developing more regulations for charitable gaming (relative to SB 367). Staff developed proposed amendments which will be brought up at the next session of the legislature in January.

Legal Coordinator Saia provided an overview of the Synopses of House Local and Regulated Revenues Executive Session hearings on SB489-Slots Bill and SB490-Historical Racing Bill.

Action Items:

- a. *Feasibility of introducing Bingo Mundo to charitable gaming in NH:* Deputy Director Naik reported that Legal Coordinator Saia is researching agency rules and regulations to determine if Bingo Mundo fits the criteria for charitable gaming in NH and hopes to provide a full report in the next few weeks. Legal Coordinator Saia was asked to research how many American based companies provide this form of Bingo and which company the State of Minnesota is working with to provide this form of Bingo in that state.
- b. *Email legislators on position of the Commission regarding SB490:* Copy of the letter sent to all members of the House Local and Regulated Revenues on April 8, 2010 was provided.

Under correspondence, a letter from Seabrook was provided for informational purposes only on the upcoming name change. Seabrook Greyhound Park is changing to Seabrook Park. Ms. Keelan stated that the park plans to diversify and provide a wide range of events and activities other than simulcast racing.

Because Mr. Ed Callahan was not able to attend today's meeting, discussion on the Eastern Poker Tour Championship Exhibition was postponed until the next Commission meeting.

Old Business:

- Legal Coordinator Saia has been working with the University of Florida to finalize the contract.

New Business:

- Deputy Director Naik requested the Commission allow staff to approve the Occupational Licenses received in house now that there are no judges at the tracks. On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Streeter, the Commission unanimously voted to approve an agency appointee to sign the Occupational Licenses as judge until current rules are revised.

At 11:15 a.m., on a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Leary and by a unanimous roll call vote the Commission voted to adjourn the regular meeting, and go into non-public session as allowed for in RSA 91-A:3 II (c), to discuss financial matters.

Connors	-	Yes
Leary	-	Yes
Gatsas	-	Yes
Presby	-	Yes
Streeter	-	Yes
Urban	-	Yes

At 12:10 p.m., on a motion by Commissioner Streeter, seconded by Commissioner Urban and by a unanimous roll call vote the Commission voted to come out of the non-public session and to permanently seal the non-public minutes.

Connors	-	Yes
Leary	-	Yes
Gatsas	-	Yes
Presby	-	Yes
Streeter	-	Yes
Urban	-	Yes

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, 2010 in Concord beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The public meeting was closed at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Warren W. Leary, Jr.
Secretary